

Roanoke, Town of  
(Rhodes Tenant House) (Bond Barn)  
United States Highway 19  
Roanoke Vicinity  
Lewis County  
West Virginia

HABS No. WV-209-R

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Location: United States Highway 19, Collins Settlement District, Lewis County, West Virginia.

Elevation: ca. 1120'.

UTM References as given on the National Register of Historic Places Nomination form:

Zone: 17

Easting: 543440

Northing: 4310300

U.S.G.S. Map: Roanoke, West Virginia, 7.5' (1966 edition, photo revised 1979).

Present Owner: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

Present Occupant: none.

Present Use: barn.

Construction Date: Unknown but moved to current site ca. 1920.

Informants: George O. "Teddie" Bond; Frederick O. "Freddie" Bond.

Historical Information: The property on which the House sits was first part of a fairly large tract of land purchased in 1817 by Samuel Hanway and James Anderson.

It came into the Bond family in 1843 when Richard Bond, a farmer, purchased part of the tract, which at that time was owned by John Mitchell, Jr.

Bond appears to have farmed the land until his death. At the settlement of his estate (ca. 1872), the 150 acre farm was divided into smaller tracts between the two large families of his first wife, Lydia, and second wife, Anna. From that time onward the property on which the barn now sits remained nearly 12 acres in area and was retained by the Bond family until its purchase by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

According to George O. and Frederick O. ("Teddie" and "Freddie") Bond, the brothers who inherited the structure from their father, Thomas E. Bond, the barn was moved to its present location by their father about 1920. The barn, which at that time included the northwest shed addition, was dismantled and moved from the Erasmus Rhodes farm nearby where it had been used as a tenant dwelling.

Bond reportedly moved the barn in a wagon pulled by saddle horses and re-erected it on a new foundation on the farm land that he had inherited from his father, Richard Bond. The Bond family used the barn to stable their single horse and cow although at one time they milked five cows in the barn, selling their milk and cream in Roanoke (Teddie and Freddie Bond 1981, pers. comm.). The second (southeast) shed addition was built by Phillips and Weathers (accurate spelling unknown), contractors who rented the farm while constructing nearby U.S. Route 19 during the 1920s. They housed their horses in the barn. The Bonds took up residence on the Tom Bragg farm while the farm was rented to the contractors.

TABLE  
Ownership of Tract 831

Grantor	Grantee	Date of Transaction	Cost	Acreage	Reference	Comments
Eston E. Bond & Margaret M. Bond (1/6 interest) Novis Taylor (widow) Alta Horam (widow) (1/6 interest)	F. O. Bond George O. Bond	11 June 1975	\$1.00	11.44	Lewis County Deed Book 347: 624	
Vonda Bond (widow) (1/6 interest)	F. O. Bond	4 Sept. 1974	\$800.00	12	Lewis County Deed Book 342: 697	
T. E. Bond (deceased) (1/3 interest)	F. O. Bond George O. Bond				Lewis County Deed Book 347: 624	(Transaction not re-corded). F. O. Bond & George Bond acquired 1/3 interest in estate of T. E. Bond upon his death. They were surviving heirs
Circuit Court of Lewis County	T. E. Bond	7 May 1872		12	Lewis County Deed Book 6: 426	Decree of partition in Chancery Cause "John C. Bond et al. vs. Anna E. Bond" (widow of Richard Bond). T. E. Bond granted 12 acres
Richard Bond (died 1871)	Anna E. Bond (widow)	ca. 1870			Lewis County Deed Book 6: 426	
John Mitchell & Mary Mitchell (wife)	Richard Bond	2 May 1843	\$250.00		Lewis County Deed Book 1: 18	No acreage given

Table (cont.)

Grantor	Grantee	Date of Transaction	Cost	Acreage	Reference	Comments
John Mitchell, Sr. (heirs) Benoni Mitchell Isaac S. Mitchell Margaret Mitchell George Cookman & Margaret Cookman George Belt & Elizabeth Belt Catharine Mitchell Casander Mitchell John E. Mitchell Elizabeth Mitchell Paul Mitchell	John Mitchell, Jr.	18 Feb. 1863	\$400.00	150	Lewis County Deed Book L: 132	John Mitchell, Sr., died before complet- ing transaction with son John, Jr.
Samuel Hanway James Anderson	John Mitchell, Sr.	9 Sept. 1812	\$125.00		Lewis County Deed Book L: 18 Cook 1924	No transaction recorded

TABLE  
Tax Record for Tract 831

Name	Year	Land	Value per Acre	Value of Land	Value of Improvement	Total Value	Comments
John Mitchell, Sr.	1817-1818	360 acres, both sides West Fork	\$5.00			\$180.00	
	1819-1820	360 acres, both sides West Fork	\$2.62 1/2		\$26.25	\$965.00	
	1821	500 acres West Fork	\$2.62 1/2			\$1,032.50	
	1822-1824	500 acres West Fork	\$2.62			\$1,032.50	
	1825	500 acres West Fork	\$8.75			\$2,020.00	
	1826	223 acres West Fork	\$2.62 1/2			\$595.56 1/2	
	1827-1831	136 acres West Fork	\$1.50			\$204.00	
	1832-1839	100 acres West Fork	\$2.25			\$225.00	
	1840-1843	100 acres West Fork	\$3.00			\$300.00	
	1844	150 acres West Fork and Crooked Run	\$5.00			\$750.00	From John Mitchell
Richard Bond	1845-1849	150 acres West Fork and Crooked Run	\$5.00			\$750.00	
	*1850						
	1851-1855	150 acres West Fork and Crooked Run	\$9.00			\$1,350.00	
	1856	150 acres West Fork and Crooked Run	\$9.00		\$300.00	\$1,350.00	
	1857	150 acres West Fork and Crooked Run	\$10.00		\$300.00	\$1,500.00	
	*1858						
	1859-1866	150 acres West Fork and Crooked Run	\$10.00		\$300.00	\$1,500.00	
	1867	150 acres West Fork and Crooked Run	\$14.00		\$300.00	\$2,100.00	
	*1868-1869						
	1870	150 acres West Fork and Crooked Run	\$9.00		\$300.00	\$2,100.00	

Table (cont.)

Name	Year	Land	Value per Acre	Value of Land	Value of Improvement	Total Value	Comments
Richard Bond heirs	1871-1872	150 acres West Fork and Crooked Run	\$9.00		\$300.00	\$2,100.00	
T. E. Bond	1873	12 acres Crooked Run	\$14.00			\$168.00	R. Bond land divided by decree.
	1874-1875	12 acres Crooked Run	\$14.00			\$168.00	
	1876-1880	12 acres Crooked Run	\$15.40			\$185.00	
	1881-1882	12 acres Crooked Run	\$14.00			\$168.00	
	1883-1891	12 acres Crooked Run	\$11.50			\$138.00	
	1892	12 acres Crooked Run	\$11.00			\$132.00	
	1893-1899	12 acres Crooked Run	\$12.10			\$145.00	
	1900-1905	12 acres Crooked Run	\$12.00			\$144.00	
	1906-1918	12 acres Crooked Run	\$23.00			\$276.00	
	1919	12 acres Crooked Run	\$27.00			\$324.00	
	1920	12 acres Crooked Run	\$27.00			\$324.00	
	1921-1929	12 acres Crooked Run	\$32.00			\$384.00	
	1930	12 acres Crooked Run	\$32.00			\$384.00	
	1931	12 acres Crooked Run	\$27.00			\$324.00	
	1932-1940	12 acres Crooked Run	\$22.00			\$264.00	
	1941-1967	12 acres Crooked Run	\$22.00			\$264.00	
	1968-1975	12 acres Crooked Run		\$520.00	\$380.00	\$900.00	
	1976	12 acres Crooked Run		\$500.00	\$600.00	\$1,100.00	
	1977-1979	12 acres Crooked Run		\$900.00	\$1,750.00	\$2,650.00	
	1980	12 acres Crooked Run		\$600.00	\$1,750.00	\$2,350.00	

\*Records Missing.

The Bond family is well known in the Roanoke, West Virginia, area having intermarried with other prominent local families. They also served as leaders in the local Seventh Day Baptist Church. This church stands on a slight nob not far from the present barn site and was reportedly built on land donated by Samuel Bond who, like Thomas Bond, inherited a parcel of land from his father (Teddie and Freddie Bond 1981, pers. comm.).

Contrary to what is recorded about the Bond barn on the National Register of Historic Places Inventory Nomination Form, the barn is not strictly speaking "typical in design of utilitarian structures within the West Fork area," nor is it without qualification "an excellent example of log construction and its enduring craftsmanship." Based upon informant testimony collected in the field phase of this research, the Bond barn does not possess integrity of original location, nor is its function unchanged. Upon examining the interior of the structure and openings where windows previously existed, it is clear that as Teddie and Freddie Bond (1981, pers. comm.) stated, the log portion of the barn was originally designed as a dwelling. It is not clear why the floor of the log crib is raised 1'6" above grade as noted in the National Register form, but as that area was used in part for grain storage (Teddie Bond 1981, pers. comm.) the need to keep the grain away from rodents was probably a factor. It is doubtful that it was done, as suggested in that National Register nomination form, so that the structure could be used as a produce storage area or cellar house.

It cannot be determined with complete accuracy how closely the relocated log barn was reconstructed to the design of the original dwelling. As already noted, the floor level has been raised above the sills by 1'6", and new openings were cut through the walls for windows and doors. The structure possesses neither locational nor architectural integrity as a dwelling. It may be architecturally similar to log barns built in the area during the 19th century, but comparable data for the immediate area are generally lacking. The structure's continuous association with the Bond family, long-term residents of the area, however, is undeniable as noted by Gilbert/Commonwealth (1980: 67).

#### Architectural Information:

General Description: The Bond barn is a one and one-half story rectangular, gable-roofed log dwelling converted to barn use (Glassie 1965; Riedl, Ball and Cavender 1976). Frame shed additions (manger and milking stanchions) have been made on the south and north sides.

#### Exterior Description:

Overall Dimensions: 22'8" x 40'6."

Foundation: The foundation of the original log structure consists of wooden posts of irregular size that sit on fieldstone slabs; the sills of the additions rest on grade.

Walls: The walls of the log section of the barn consist of inverted-vee or pentagonally-notched logs dressed on their interior and exterior surfaces only (average height is 1'); above the plate, the north and south ends are covered with clapboards cut into short pieces; the north addition is sided with previously used clapboards; the south addition is sided with vertical rough sawn lumber with the butt joints of the south and west elevations covered by battens.

Framing: The "framing" of the original structure is logs; timber studs consisting of undecorticated posts, 5"-7" wide and spaced on 3'4"-5' centers are used.

**Roof:** The log structure has a medium-pitch gable variety roof covered with corrugated sheet metal; the shed roof addition on the north, which essentially continues the roofline of the log structure and the lower-pitched shed roof of the addition on the south side, are also covered with corrugated sheet metal roofing.

**Interior Description:** Room 1 (Room numbers are keyed to floor plans on pages 22-23)

**Function:** manger and livestock shelter area.

**Dimensions:** 11'9" x 12'9 1/2"; 9' (average) ceiling.

**Wallcovering:** none.

**Floorcovering:** none, a dirt floor is present.

**Ceiling:** exposed roof rafters and underside of roof.

**Baseboard:** none.

**Heating:** none.

**Fireplace:** none.

**Plumbing:** none.

**Lighting and Electricity:** none.

**Other:** manger located along north wall.

**Interior Description:** Room 2

**Function:** livestock shelter area.

**Dimensions:** 9'10" x 12'9 1/2"; 9' (average) ceiling.

**Wallcovering:** none.

**Floorcovering:** none, a dirt floor is present.

**Ceiling:** exposed roof rafters and underside of roof.

**Baseboard:** none.

**Heating:** none.

**Fireplace:** none.

**Plumbing:** none.

**Lighting and Electricity:** none.

**Interior Description:** Room 3

**Function:** feed area and grain storage.

**Dimensions:** 14'6" x 21'; 6'9 1/2" ceiling.

**Wallcovering:** logs.

**Floorcovering:** 2 1/2"-4" tongue and groove boards; unfinished.

**Ceiling:** joists supporting loft floor are squared logs that measure 4 1/2" x 4" and which are set on 2'-2'3" centers.

**Baseboard:** none.

**Heating:** none.

**Fireplace:** none.

**Plumbing:** none.

**Lighting and Electricity:** none.

**Stairway:** crude ladder to loft attached at north end of east wall.

**Other:** south and north walls have been severely modified; north wall originally (possibly when the structure was used as a dwelling) had two windows (27" wide x 42" high and 31" wide x 44" high openings). Currently two logs between these window openings have been removed creating two separate openings approximately 5'4" long; between these openings on the north wall there is currently a doorway measuring 2'5 1/2" x 4'1"; on the south wall there were originally two 3'4" wide (undetermined height) windows



TABLE  
Tract 831: Door Details

Position	Opening	Style	Hinge	Latch/Lock	Interior Surround Trim	Exterior Surround Trim	Threshold
Room 1 to Exterior	3'5 1/2" x 6'3"	4 board (4 3/8"-11") and 2 batten	8" strap	hook	—	—	—
Room 2 to Exterior	2'11 3/4" x 10'1/4"	5 board (10") with firring strips; "Z" batten	8" strap	—	—	—	—
Room 3 to Exterior	27" x 72" (not square)	double swinging doors; left door: 3 board (9 1/2"-10 3/4") and 2 battens; right door: 2 board (1'3"-1'5") and 2 battens	6" strap	drop-in metal bar; flat metal strap handle; hook at top on interior of left door	—	—	—
Room 3 to Room 4	2'5 1/2" x 4'1"	passageway	—	—	—	—	yes
Room 4 to Exterior (east)	3'1" x 5'9"	3 board (10"-1'1/2") with firring strips; 3 battens	2-8" straps 1-10" strap	drop-in board; flat metal strap handle	—	—	—
Room 4 to Exterior (north)	3'2" x 6'11"	4 board (7 3/4"-10") and "Z" batten	6" strap	drop-in metal bar; flat metal strap handle	—	—	—

TABLE  
Tract 831: Window Details

Position*	Style	Opening	Size of Pane	Number of Panes	Type of Sill	Interior Surround Trim	Exterior Surround Trim
EAST WALL Loft	opening	50" x 28"	—	—	—	—	—
SOUTH WALL First Floor Left to right	opening	20" x 18"	—	—	—	—	—
	opening	18 3/4" x 20 5/8"	—	—	—	—	—
Loft	opening	24" x 24"	—	—	—	—	—
WEST WALL First Floor Left to right	opening	24 1/2" x 25 1/2"	—	—	—	—	—
	opening	24" x 29"	—	—	—	—	—

\*For exact positions, refer to Figures

where there is now a 2' high x 8'4" wide opening ; to the west of this opening is a second opening which measures 2'1" high x 7'9" wide; the openings on both the north and south walls provide access to the manger, feeding, livestock shelter and milking areas of the barn.

Interior Description: Room 4

Function: milking parlor with stanchions.  
Dimensions: 9'6" x 21'10"; 6'5 1/2" ceiling.  
Wallcovering: none.  
Floorcovering: none, a dirt floor is present.  
Ceiling: exposed roof rafters and underside of roof.  
Baseboard: none.  
Heating: none.  
Fireplace: none.  
Plumbing: none.  
Lighting and Electricity: none.

Interior Description: Room 5

Function: hay and straw storage.  
Dimensions: 14'6" x 21'; 9'10" ceiling.  
Wallcovering: logs.  
Floorcovering: 4 3/4"-5 1/2" plain boards.  
Ceiling: exposed roof rafters and underside of roof.  
Baseboard: none.  
Heating: none.  
Fireplace: none.  
Plumbing: none.  
Lighting and Electricity: none.

Site:

General Setting and Orientation : The Bond barn is sited on a hill slope and is ca. 175' from U.S. Route 19 and 750' south of Crooked Run.

Historic Landscape Design: The Bond barn is situated in a pleasant pasture or meadow. The ground slopes upward generally south and west of the structure. There are no intentional plantings. A rail and post fence with a metal gate parallels the east elevation, while a wire and post fence line runs oblique to the west elevation and parallel to the south elevation .

Outbuildings: No other outbuildings or potentially contemporary structures of any kind are located near the barn.

For project information and bibliography, see ROANOKE HABS No. WV-209.  
For other structures in the Roanoke area, see HABS No.s WV-209-A -S.

The report from which this HABS documentation was prepared, along with field notes and over 90 hours of interview tapes, will be archived at the University of West Virginia, Morgantown, West Virginia.



Perspective control photograph of the east elevation of the Bond barn in 1981. Note the rail and post fence that generally parallels this elevation. The frame additions on the south and north sides can be seen clearly.



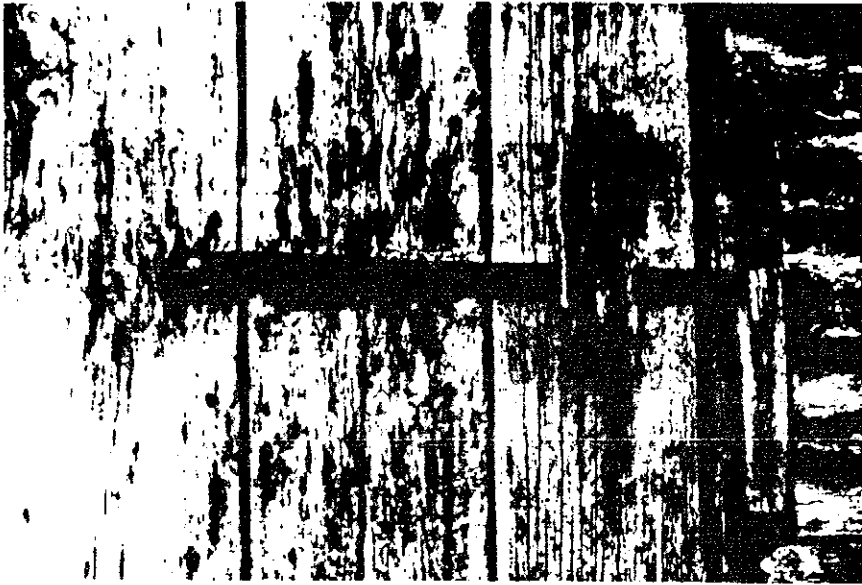
Close-up of inverted-vee corner timbering along the east elevation of the Bond barn in 1981.



Close-up of inverted-vee corner timbering on the log portion of the Bond barn in 1981. This photograph was taken along the east elevation.



Close-up of inverted-vee corner timbering and clapboard addition to the north elevation of the log portion of the Bond barn in 1981. This photograph was taken along the east elevation.



Close-up of simple drop-bar closure mechanism on Room 4 to exterior door  
the east elevation of the Bond barn in 1981



Perspective control photograph of the east and south elevations of the Bond  
barn in 1981. Note ladder attached to south elevation.



Perspective control photograph of the south elevation of the Bond barn in 1981. Note ladder.



Perspective control photograph of the south and west elevations of the Bond barn in 1981.



Perspective control photograph of the west elevation of the Bond barn in 1981. The two construction techniques employed on the frame additions can be plainly differentiated.

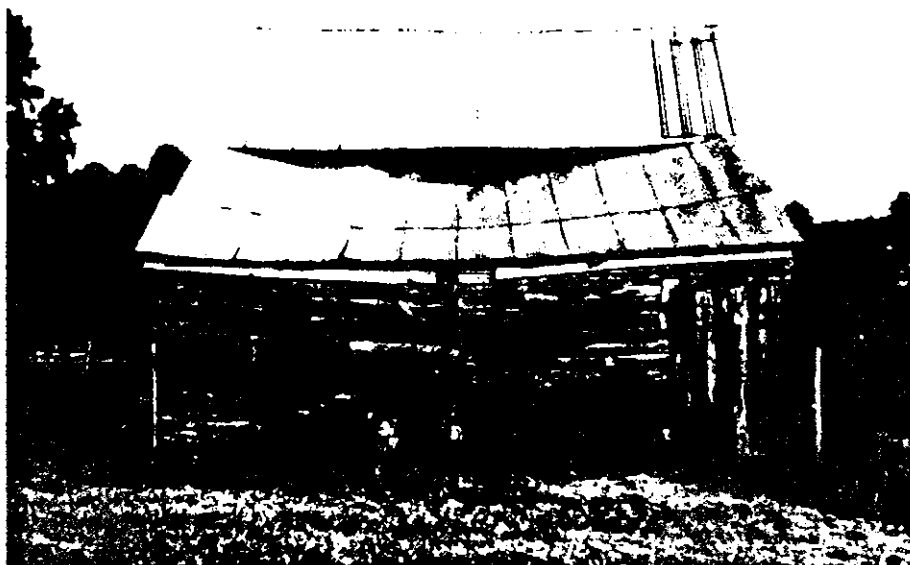


Close-up of the west elevation of the Bond barn in 1981 showing the jointure of the log portion of the barn and the north frame addition.





Perspective control photograph of the west and north elevations of the Bond barn in 1981. Note that the ground slopes away from the structure on this side.



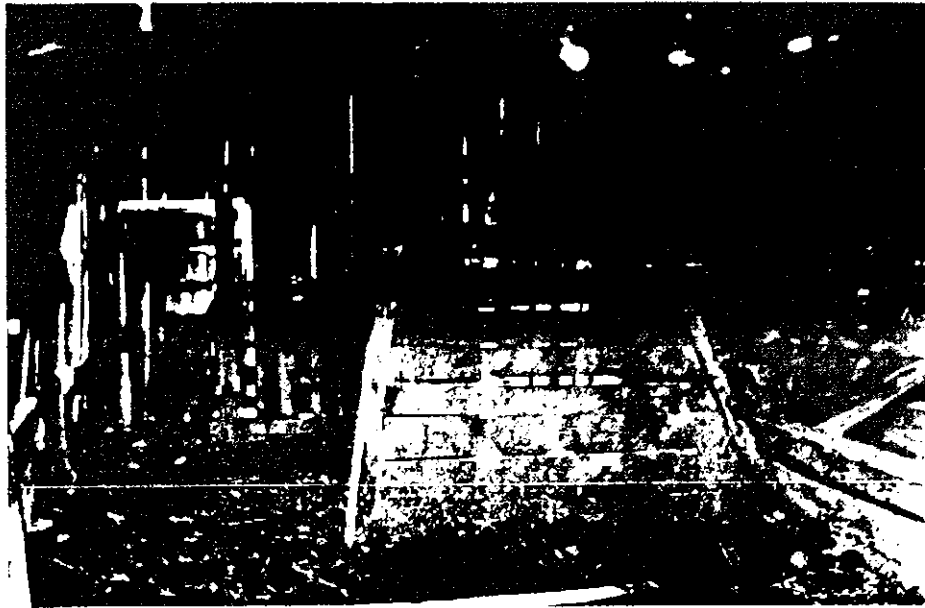
Perspective control photograph of the north elevation of the Bond barn in 1981.



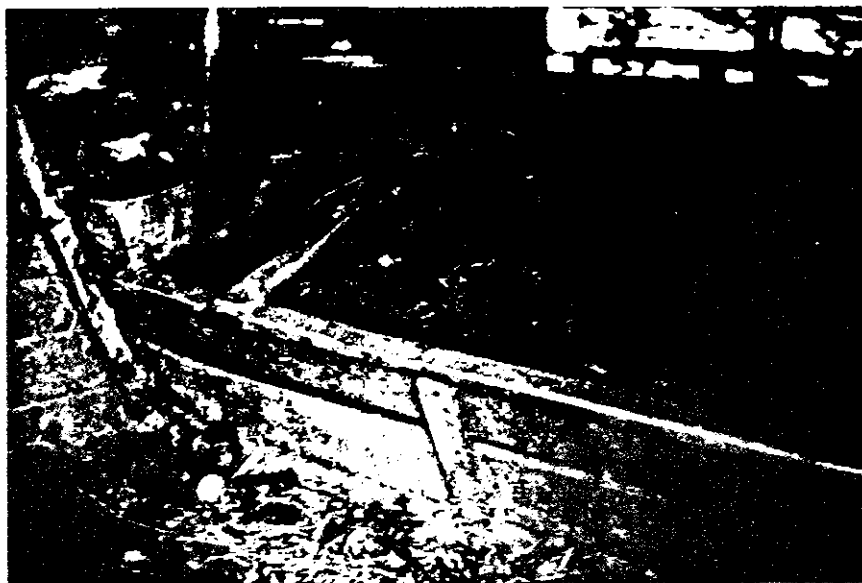
Perspective control photograph of the north and east elevations of the Bond barn in 1981.



Close-up of wood pier used to support the log sills of the Bond barn in 1981.  
This photograph was taken on the west side of the structure.



Interior view of the Bond barn in 1981. The photograph looks from Room 1 to Room 2. Note manger at right



Close-up of manger along north wall of Room 1 of the Bond barn in 1981.



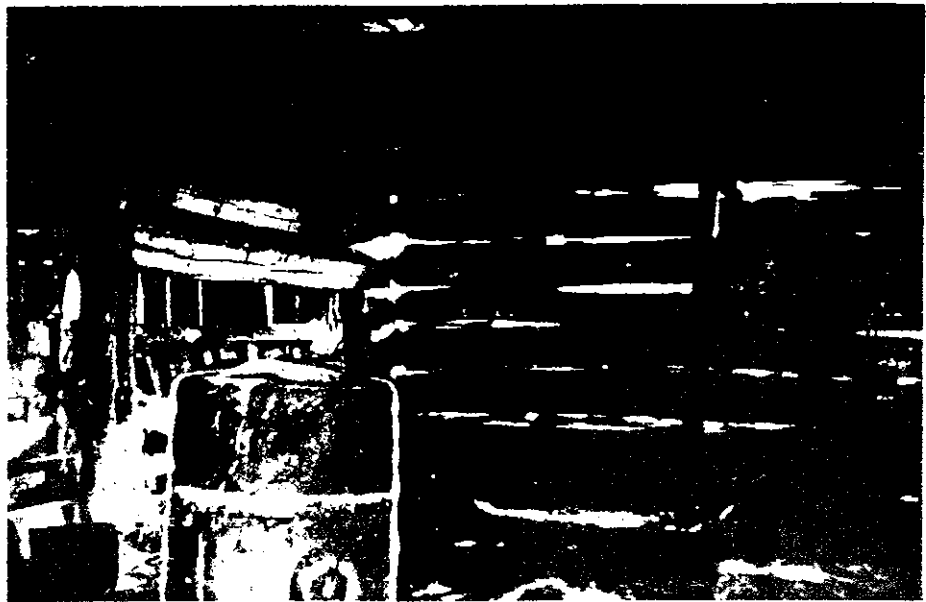
Close-up of stanchions in  
Room 4 of the Bond barn in 1981



Interior rafters, roof and wall in Room 4 of the Bond barn in 1981 looking  
northwest.



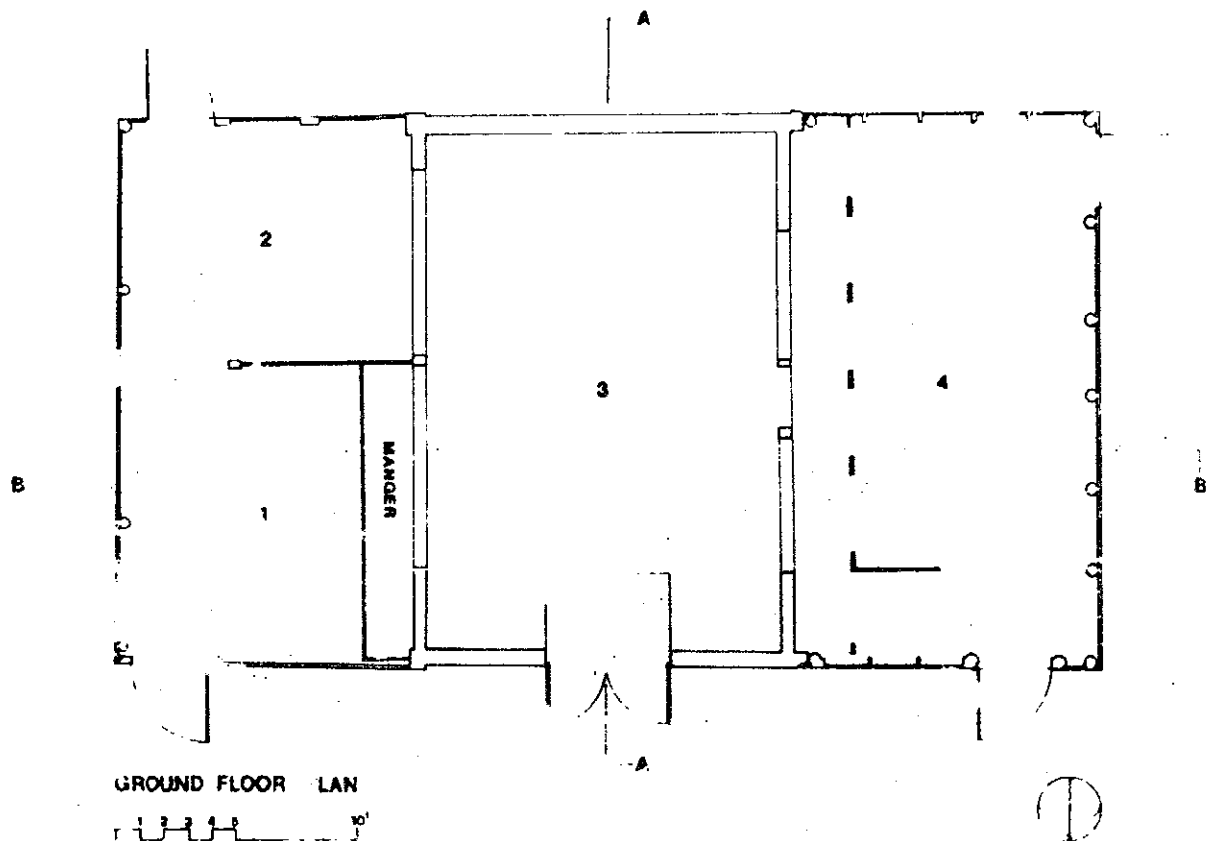
Close-up of crude pole  
and lumber ladder from Room 3 to  
Room 5 (loft) in the Bond barn in 1981



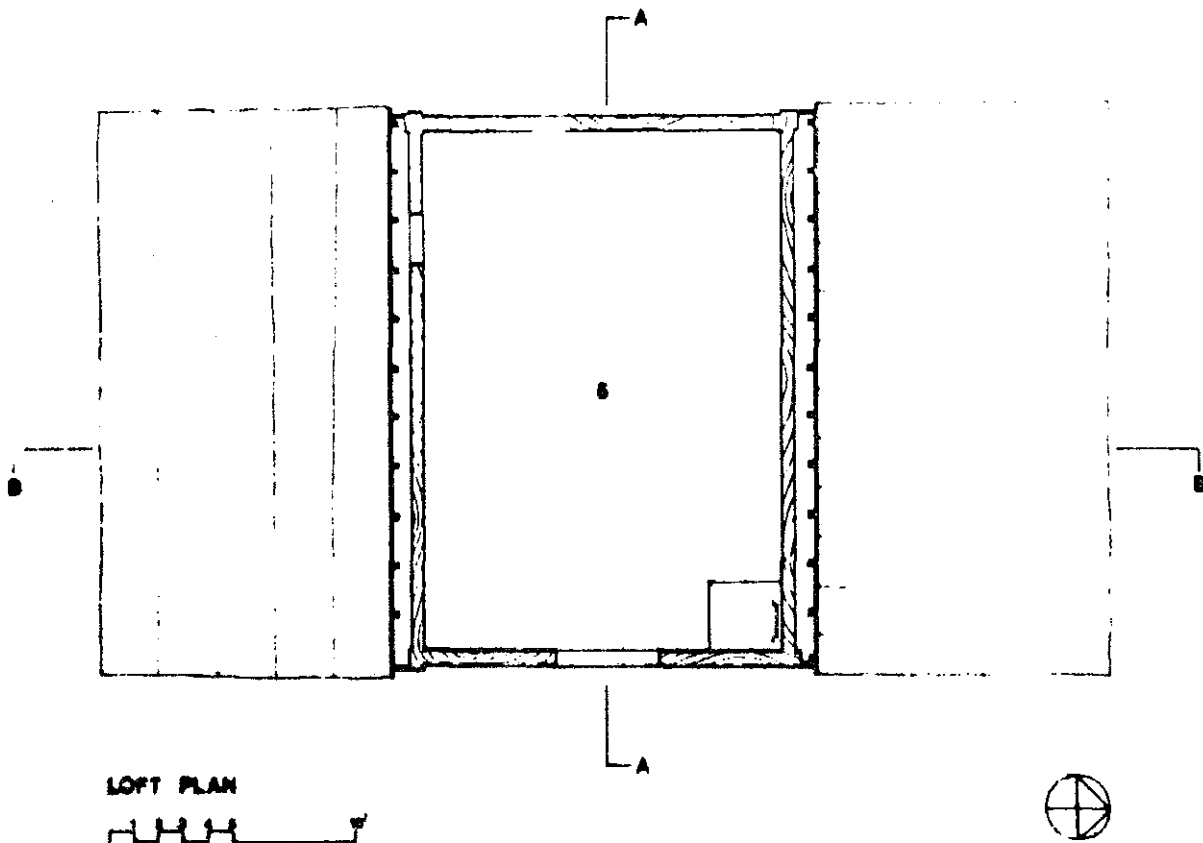
Interior view of Room 3 of the Bond barn in 1981 looking southwest. Note  
modifications to log wall at left.



Interior view of Room 5 (loft) of the Bond barn in 1981. Note the roof construction details as well as the gable construction.

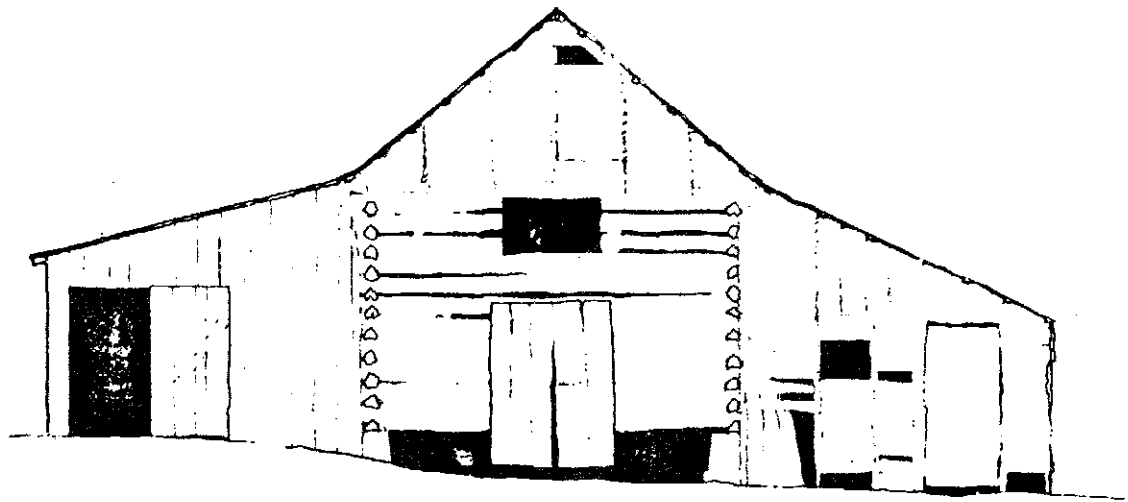


First floor plan of the Bond barn.



Loft floor plan of the Bond barn.

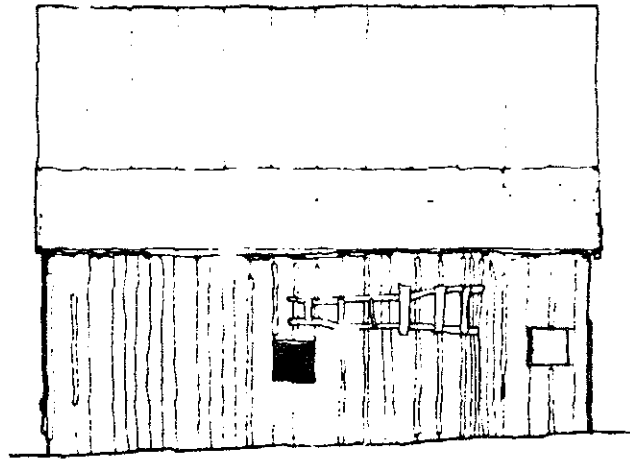




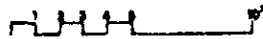
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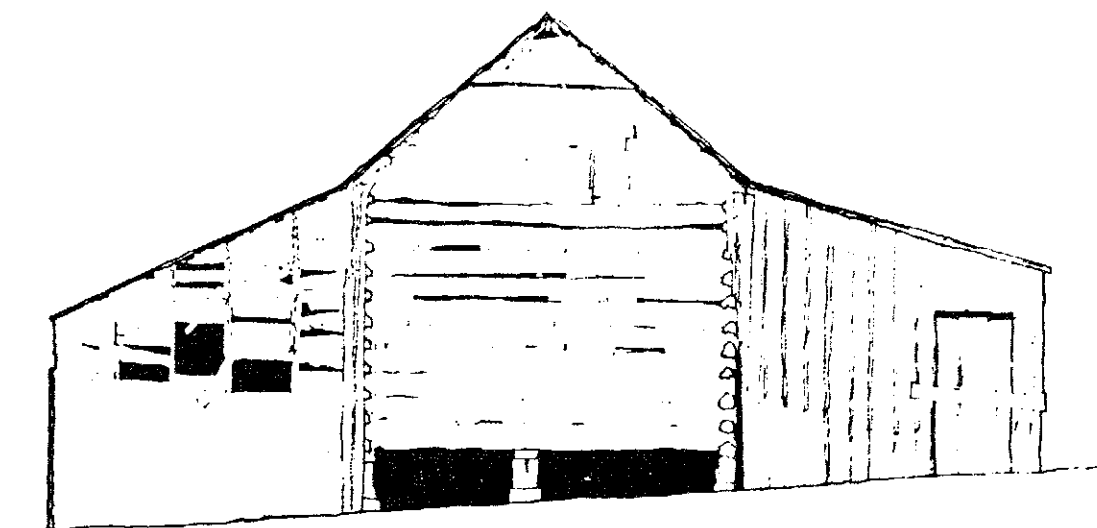
East elevation of the Bond barn.



SOUTH ELEVATION



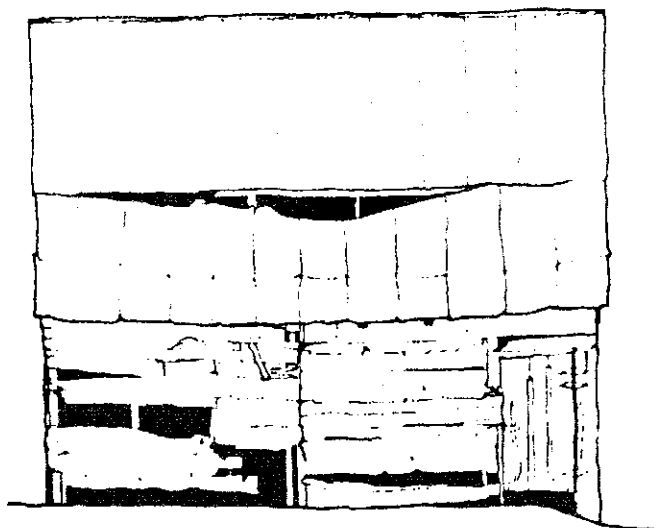
South elevation of the Bond barn.



WEST ELEVATION



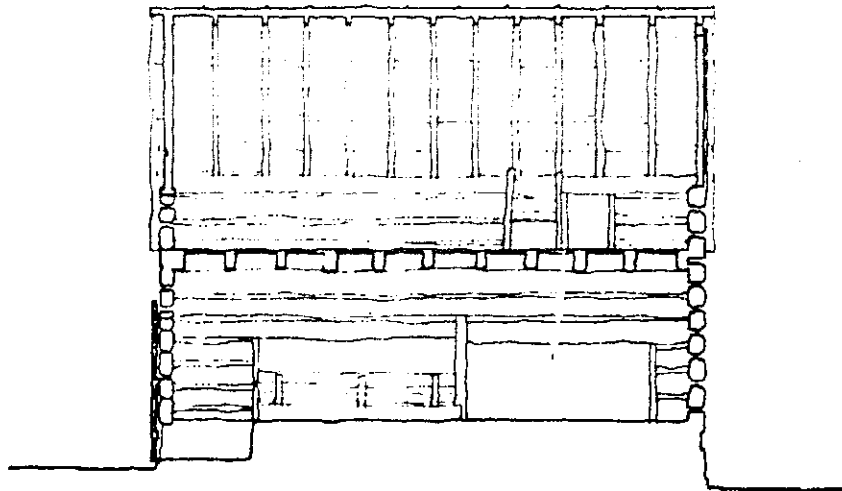
West elevation of the Bond barn.



NORTH ELEVATION



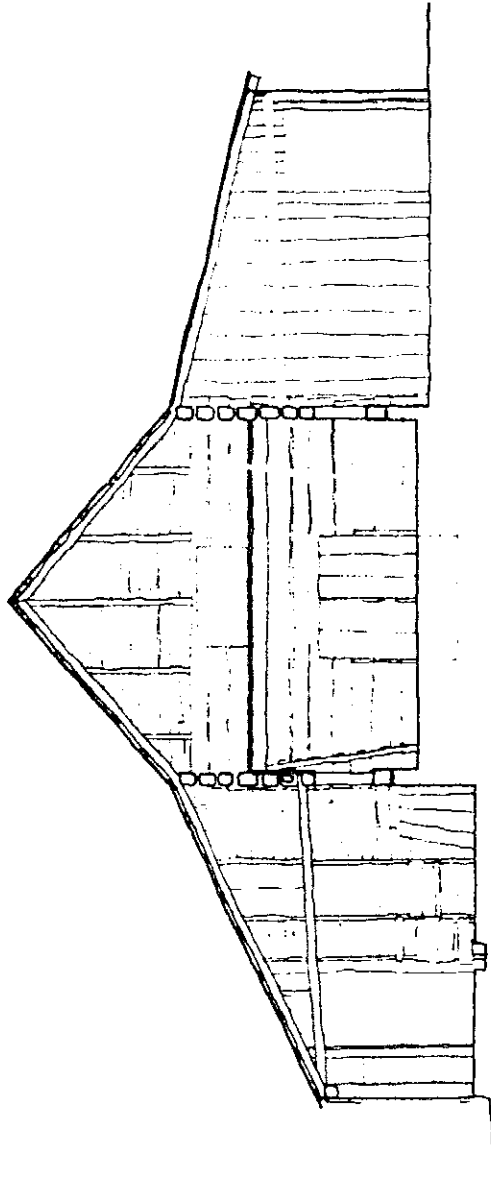
North elevation of the Bond barn.



SECTION A-A



Longitudinal section (A-A) through the Bond barn.



SECTION B-B



Transverse section (B-B) through the Bond barn.